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1. TEAMS

Boat teams shall consist of a minimum of 2 adult anglers and a maximum of 5 anglers per boat. There will be only one team per boat.

As per GFAV Bylaws: "Only members affiliated with GFAA or overseas visitors affiliated with IGFA can fish a GFAA/GFAV sanctioned tournament". Anglers must provide proof of affiliation on request. Proof of affiliation will be required for allocation of prizes. Attendance to the tournament briefing is compulsory by a team representative @ 7:30pm Friday night **unless prior arrangements made with tournament committee.**

2. FISHING RULES

Fishing rules shall be the current G.F.A.A. rules for equipment, capture and tag & release. G.F.A.V. By-laws must be adhered to. Only species listed below will be recognized.

BILLFISH

Marlin (Black, Pacific Blue, Striped), Broadbill Swordfish.

GAMEFISH

Albacore, Mahi Mahi, Southern Bluefin Tuna, Yellowfin Tuna, Yellowtail Kingfish.

SHARKS

Blue (Tag & Release only), Hammerhead, Mako, Porbeagle, Thresher, Tiger, Whaler. (Gummy & Tope - for GFAV, GFAA & IGFA Record claims only)

Note 1:

Capture of Blue Sharks is not allowed except for potential IGFA World, GFAA Australian or GFAV Victorian Records. These fish will score **NIL** Points. If the captured fish does not weigh within 20% of the current record, 2000 points will be DEDUCTED as a PENALTY.

Note 2:

Snapper, Gummy and Tope are not eligible for trophies & prizes in this tournament.

3. LINE CLASSES

2kg, 3kg, 4kg, 6kg, 8kg, 10kg (T&R and sharks only), 15kg (T&R and sharks only), 24kg, 37kg.

Minimum line class for Sharks 4 kg

"Braid or Gel-spun lines are tag only, NOT PERMITTED for CAPTURE"

4. TAG & RELEASE

All tag cards and capture forms must be marked with the time the fish was tagged or captured. In the event of equal scores, the first angler to attain those points shall be deemed the winner.

POINT SCORES:

Marlin, Broadbill Swordfish	10000 pts
Southern Bluefin Tuna >1500mm fork length	10000 pts
Southern Bluefin Tuna <1500mm fork length	2000 pts
Yellowfin Tuna	2000 pts
Albacore	2000 pts
Yellowtail Kingfish	2000 pts
Mahi Mahi	1000 pts
Thresher Shark	5000 pts
Blue Shark	2000 pts
Hammerhead, Mako, Porbeagle	4000 pts
Whaler Sharks	3000 pts

T & R MINIMUM WEIGHTS

Gamefish	2kg
Sharks	5kg

T & R MINIMUM LENGTHS

Yellowtail Kingfish	60cm
Sharks	100cm

5. CAPTURES

SCORING

Method used to calculate capture points will be as follows:-

$$\frac{(\text{Weight of fish}) \times 100}{\text{Line class}}$$

	Line class	Line class						
2kg	3kg	4kg	6kg	8kg	10kg	15kg	24kg	37kg

The following bonus/penalty points apply:-

Billfish	100%
Gamefish	150%
Sharks (except Blue)	50%

MINIMUM WEIGHTS

Southern Bluefin Tuna	10 kg Minimum.
All other gamefish	All fish must go line class
Sharks	40kg (approx. 150cm)

All Sharks must be double line class.

All Billfish & Gamefish must be line class.

Current Victorian Bag and Size Limits Apply.

6. BERLEYING

Berleying must not commence until the Start Fishing time, which will be announced by Tournament Base.

As per G.F.A.V. By-laws: - "Berley should not be used where tide, wind or currents could take it to swimmers, divers or other water users".

Maximum of 10 litres of berley is permitted per angler per day for sharks only.

7. WEATHER

As per GFAV bylaw "The declaration of a gale or storm force warning by the appropriate government weather authority will automatically require the suspension of any tournament or event conducted under the auspices of the Game Fishing Association of Victoria and its member clubs for the period of the current warning. In the event of a declaration whilst vessels are at sea, such vessels are required to cease fishing and make way to port."

8. WEIGHING

All anglers with either fish for weighing or tag cards to hand in must present them at the weigh station on the day of capture or tag. All fish or tag cards presented at the weigh station **must** have the appropriate paperwork. The weigh station will be open from 4:00-5:00pm Saturday. On the final day anglers with fish to weigh or tags to hand in must be at the gantry by **4:00pm** to be eligible for trophies.

8. TACKLE

Any angler weighing fish will be asked to present the tackle on which the Capture was made so that it may be checked prior to weighing. Anglers submitting tag cards may be asked to present their tackle for checking.

9. PROTESTS

Any protests relative to capture or tag & release must be submitted in writing by the captain to the tournament committee. Protests must be lodged no later than 8.00pm on Days 1 and no later than 4.15 pm on day 2. The decisions of the tournament committee are final.

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10. RADIO

Radios must be left on at all times. All boats must be equipped with an operational VHF radio operating on channel 72 or a 27 MHz marine radio operating on frequencies 27.86, 27.88, 27.91, 27.94 & 27.96.

Radio skeds will commence at 7.05am on each day on frequency VHF channel 72 & 27 Mhz 27.96. Subsequent skeds will be every 2 hours thereafter. The final sked on **Day 1** will be 5.30pm and for **Day 2** will be 2.05pm.

Boats will be called in order of team number and name. On contact with each team, your reply must give your team number, boat name, position as per tournament map, capture and tag & release species, approximate weight and line classes and name of the angler during that two hour period. DO NOT announce captures of un-weighable fish. As a safety initiative, Tournament Base will repeat your position back to you.

Skeds must be answered by all competing boats. A sked will be defined as a period of time of one hour from the commencement time of that sked. After that one hour period, *any team which has not responded may be disqualified for that day*.

Note: If radio and mobile phone contact not possible, team must report to nearest boat for assistance and contact with tournament base.

All boats **MUST** sign on with tournament base before commencement of fishing.

All boats **MUST** sign off on return each day.

PENALTIES: - Fail to sign on 2000pts
Fail to sign off 10000pts
Sale of fish for cash or kind Disqualification

11. JUNIORS / SMALL FRY

A junior will be any person under the age of 16 years and small fry any person under the age of 11 years as at Midnight, 13th June 2019.

12. TROPHIES

Juniors & Small Fries are only eligible for prizes in the category they pay to enter. Only one category per angler.

One fish can only win a maximum of 1 trophy.

13. GENERAL

All boats must collect tournament bags prior to commencement of fishing from the base station. All boats competing in the tournament must be seaworthy and comply with Victorian Boating Regulations for Safety Equipment.

Ports to be used for this tournament are Warrnambool or Port Fairy, all tag cards and fish to be weighed are to be done at Tournament headquarters at Warrnambool. If conditions are unsuitable, launching may not be allowed from Warrnambool. Please check each morning prior to start fishing.

The tournament committee's decision will be final!

Friday 14th March Registration opens 6:30pm
Tournament Briefing 7:30pm

Saturday 15th March Start Fishing 7:15am
Stop Fishing 4:00pm

Weigh in 5:00pm

Sunday 16th March Start Fishing 7:15am
Stop Fishing 3:00pm
Final Weigh in 4:00pm
Trophy Presentations 4:45pm

Reserve weekends same times apply

The SWAGC committee has nominated June 22nd & 23rd, 29th & 30th June 2019 as the Reserve weekend if unfishable weather is forecast (as decided by the SWAGC committee). This decision will be made by close of business Wednesday 12th June 2019.

Trophy Categories

1. - CHAMPION ANGLER TAG & RELEASE- Senior (Male & Female)
2. - CHAMPION ANGLER TAG & RELEASE- Junior (under 16 as of Midnight June 13th 2019)
3. - CHAMPION ANGLER TAG & RELEASE- Small Fry (under 11 as of Midnight June 13th 2019)
4. - MOST MERITORIOUS GAMEFISH CAPTURE
5. - MOST MERITORIOUS CAPTURE SHARK
6. - CHAMPION BOAT TAG & RELEASE
7. - MOST MERITORIOUS GAMEFISH 2 KG LINE CLASS
8. - MOST MERITORIOUS GAMEFISH 3 KG LINE CLASS
9. - MOST MERITORIOUS GAMEFISH 4 KG LINE CLASS
10. - MOST MERITORIOUS GAMEFISH 6 KG LINE CLASS
11. - MOST MERITORIOUS GAMEFISH 8 KG LINE CLASS
12. - MOST MERITORIOUS GAMEFISH 10 KG LINE CLASS
13. - MOST MERITORIOUS GAMEFISH 15 KG LINE CLASS
14. - MOST MERITORIOUS GAMEFISH 24 KG LINE CLASS
15. - MOST MERITORIOUS GAMEFISH 37 KG LINE CLASS

The Line class that captures the most meritorious gamefish will not be awarded. That capture will be awarded Trophy 4. Most Meritorious Gamefish.

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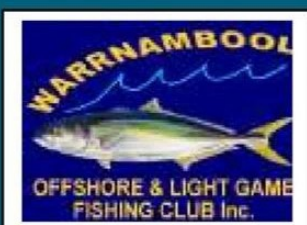


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